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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

Silver Gulls Nesting at the Crawley Baths, Swan River Estuary.
—On November 6, 1963, a chance conversation with a fisherman who traps cobblers in the Swan River revealed the fact that Silver Gulls (*Larus novae-hollandiae*) had been nesting on the back fence of the Crawley Baths for some considerable time. My informant was of the opinion that a pair of birds had nested three times this season but there were no young ones about to show that young birds were actually reared. As will be noted when the location of the nests is described, it is quite possible that the young chicks had fallen into the water and drowned when they started to walk out of the nest.

Soon after 8 a.m. on November 7 I inspected the site and found two nests with adult birds sitting tightly on them. One nest contained one young chick, probably two days old, while the other was only inspected with binoculars. With Miss C. A. Nicholls I made a further examination of the site later in the day and a series of photographs were taken. As the habitat was to be completely destroyed within the next few days, in connection with the dismantling of the Baths, Miss Nicholls rescued the chick to rear it at home. A third nest, empty, was also found. All three nests had been made with a small quantity of grass and were located on the tops of piles where the bearers made a small depression. They were within a hundred yards of a major road carrying dense traffic.

From the demolition crew at the Baths it was learnt that "a dozen or more" old nests were located on the back and side fences of the Baths. Neither of these fences had a platform for patrons and the nests could only be reached by doing a "Blondin act" along the top of the fence, or approaching in a boat.

The Crawley Baths were used up to the end of the 1962-63 summer season and afterwards only by odd keen swimmers until the lease expired in June 1963. Demolition began in late October, 1963.

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